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SUBJECT: VANGUARD OPERATIONS

1. AS EMBASSY WILL BE AWARE FROM THIELE, NASA PLANNING TO DISCONTINUE THREE-DAY TECHNICAL CREW ROTATION AT MAR DEL PLATA AND TO INITIATE AT-SEA OPERATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNDER THIS MODE OF OPERATION, THE USE OF THE PORT OF MAR DEL PLATA BECOMES LESS IMPORTANT. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVICE AS TO THE USE OF FACILITIES IN BUENOS AIRES OR ALTERNATE PORT FOR LOGISTICS STAGING AND SHIP PROVISIONING. WOULD EXPECT CHANGE IN METHOD OF OPERATION TO ENCOURAGE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF DEPENDENTS TO U.S.

2. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, THIELE WOULD PLAN REMAIN IN BUENOS AIRES TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF NEW OPERATIONAL MODE WITH EMBASSY AND THEN TO RETURN TO VANGUARD AT SEA. NASA ANXIOUS THAT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND CREW BE INFORMED OF CHANGE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BY MONDAY IN VIEW OCTOBER 3 SCHEDULED SAILING, IN ORDER PERMIT REASONABLY ORDERLY TERMINATION ON-SHORE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS.
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WHILE THIS CAN BE DONE BY THIELE, NASA WISHES ADVISE

VANGUARD THROUGH PROGRAM AND MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND CHANNELS AS WELL.

3. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY CONTRARY ADVICE OR COMMENTS ON THIS PLAN, WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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